

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3-11, and 16-18 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 2 and 12-15 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the claims.

The Quayle Action indicates that claims 1, 3-7 and 16 are allowed, and requests cancellation of non-elected claims 2, 8-15, 17 and 18.

However, because this application is a national stage of a PCT application, rejoinder of several non-elected claims is respectfully requested, as discussed below.

In particular, claims 8 and 17 depend from claim 1. Although claims 8 and 17 are method claims and claim 1 is an apparatus claim, claims 8 and 17 should be rejoined because they share the same inventive concepts with claim 1 by the dependence from claim 1. Also, method claims 9 and 10, and claims 11 and 18 depending therefrom, share the same inventive concepts with claim 1. Thus, rejoinder of claims 9-11 and 18 is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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